



U.S. Immigration
and Customs
Enforcement

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Dear Sir or Madam:

The Department of Homeland Security has received your letter appealing the adverse determination of your Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act (FOIA/PA) request by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement seeking any manuals, documents or other written guidance used to access or analyze data gathered by programs developed or deployed by Carrier IQ.

On behalf of the Chief for the Government Information Law Division, we acknowledge your appeal request of **2012FOIA3204** and are assigning it number **OPLA12-364** for tracking purposes. Please reference this number in any future communications about your appeal.

A high number of FOIA/PA requests have been received by the Department. Accordingly, we have adopted the court-sanctioned practice of generally handling backlogged appeals on a first-in, first-out basis.¹ While we will make every effort to process your appeal on a timely basis, there may be some delay in resolving this matter. Should you have any questions concerning the processing of your appeal, please contact ICE FOIA at 1-202-732-0600, or by email at ice-foia@dhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Mathias".

Susan Mathias
Chief
Government Information Law Division
ICE Office of the Principal Legal Advisor
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¹ Appeals of expedited treatment denials will be handled on an expedited basis.